OBSERVATION

Hide-and-Seek

Can you find the bug in this picture?

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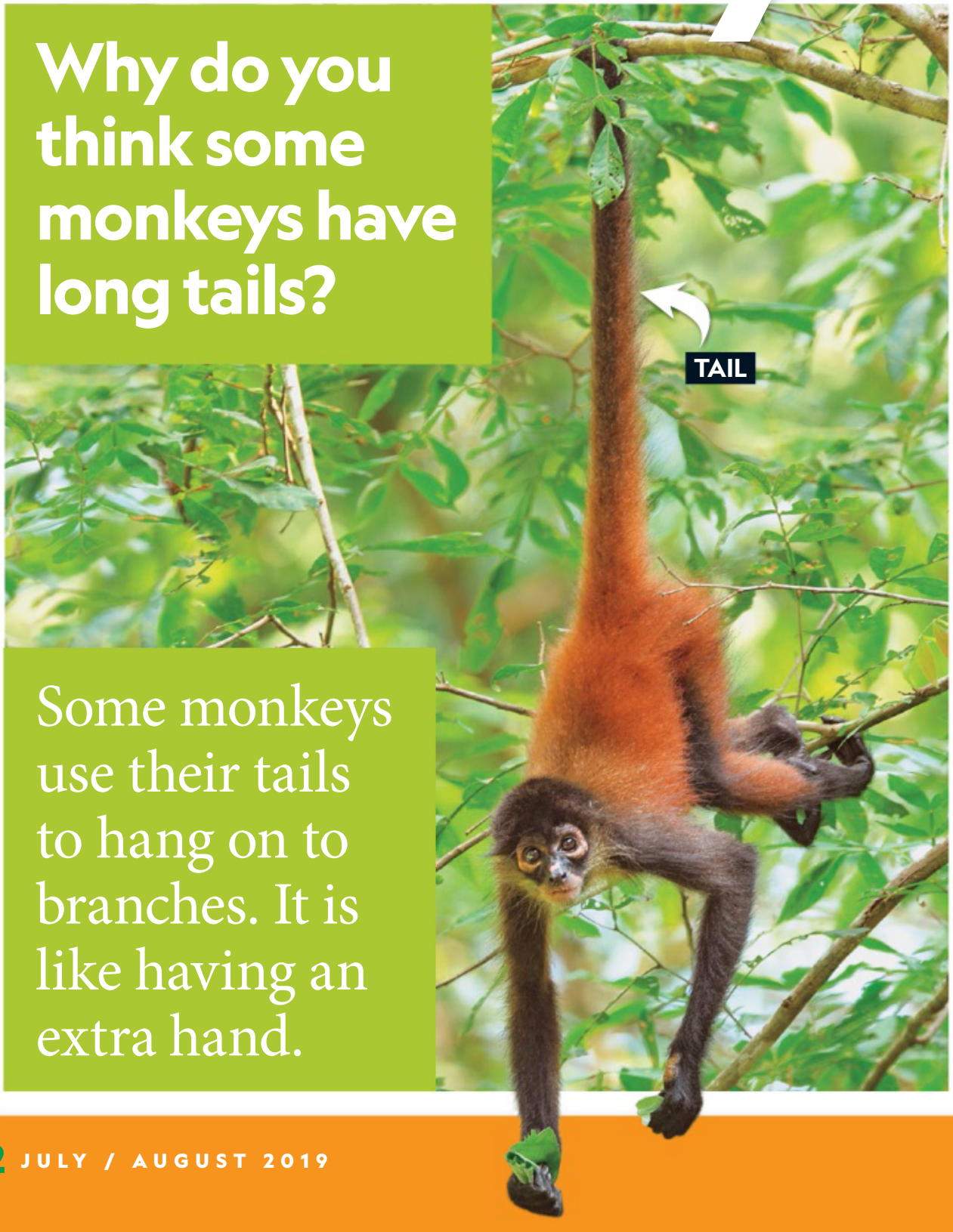
ANIMAL CARDS!
Wild Hamsters

Why?

Why do you think some monkeys have long tails?



Some monkeys use their tails to hang on to branches. It is like having an extra hand.

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SORTING

What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.
Find the differences between it and the one below.

Find one difference.

Find two differences.

Find three differences.

DAMSEA / SHUTTERSTOCK (SEA STAR); PETER VANCO / SHUTTERSTOCK (DRAGON); STEVE BOWER / SHUTTERSTOCK (HOT AIR BALLOONS)

That's Cool!

Meet the gerenuk (SAY: GAIR-uh-nook).

Gerenuks live in dry areas that have shrubs and small trees.

Its long tongue and big lips grab leaves, fruit, and flowers to eat.

A gerenuk stands on its back legs to reach food that is high up.

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NAMING

What in the World Are These?

_EMON

_OOR

_UCKET

_IRPLANE

_CHOOL BUS

_ELT

_ASP

_LIP-FLOP

_ANARY

NAME SOME OTHER YELLOW THINGS.

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ANIMALS

Busy

Hamsters

In the summer and fall, the black-bellied hamster is very busy. It must gather enough food to last all winter.

Every night the hamster searches for food. It sniffs for seeds in the grass. It digs for roots along the river.

Hamsters live in tunnels that they dig under the ground.

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The hamster stuffs the food into its cheeks. When its cheeks are full, it scampers home to stash the food.

These hamsters are different from the kind you might have as a pet.

Hamster babies are called pups.

Winter is here. The hamster starts sleeping. It wakes up once a week to eat. Then it goes back to bed.

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It is spring. Wake up, little hamster!

A black-bellied hamster is as long as an open copy of this magazine.

Its wide feet and long claws help it dig its home and find food.

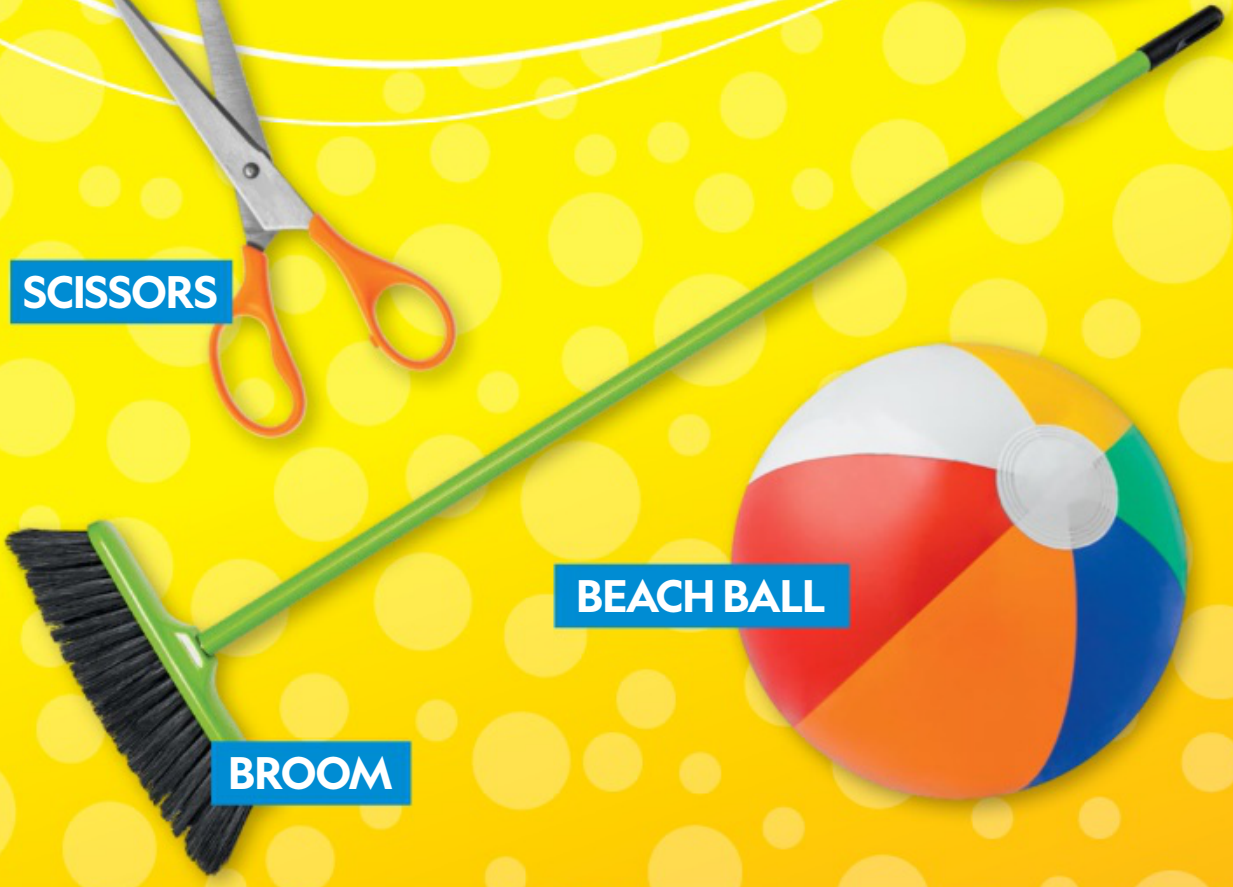
FIND THE

Say the name of each picture aloud. Point to all the things that start with the *br* sound.

Example: brush

BREAD

SCISSORS



BROOM

BEACH BALL

SOUND

OLGA SAVINA / SHUTTERSTOCK (BRUSH); EALISA / SHUTTERSTOCK (BREAD); HEMERA / GETTY IMAGES (WHISTLE); ALIS PHOTO / SHUTTERSTOCK (BRICK); BUTTERFLY HUNTER / SHUTTERSTOCK (SCISSORS); EVIKKA / SHUTTERSTOCK (BROOM); ZONEFATAL / SHUTTERSTOCK (BRACELET); GELPI / SHUTTERSTOCK (BRAIDS); KOOSEN / SHUTTERSTOCK (BEACH BALL); CHARLES TAYLOR / SHUTTERSTOCK (ROBOT)

ANIMALS

BABY ORCA'S FIRST BREATH

Baby orcas are born underwater. As soon as they are born, they must swim to the top of the water to breathe air.

NOW SHOWING!

ORCA VIDEO

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The baby and its mother swim up, up, up!

A newborn orca is longer than a bed.

An orca's nose is on top of its head. It is called a blowhole.

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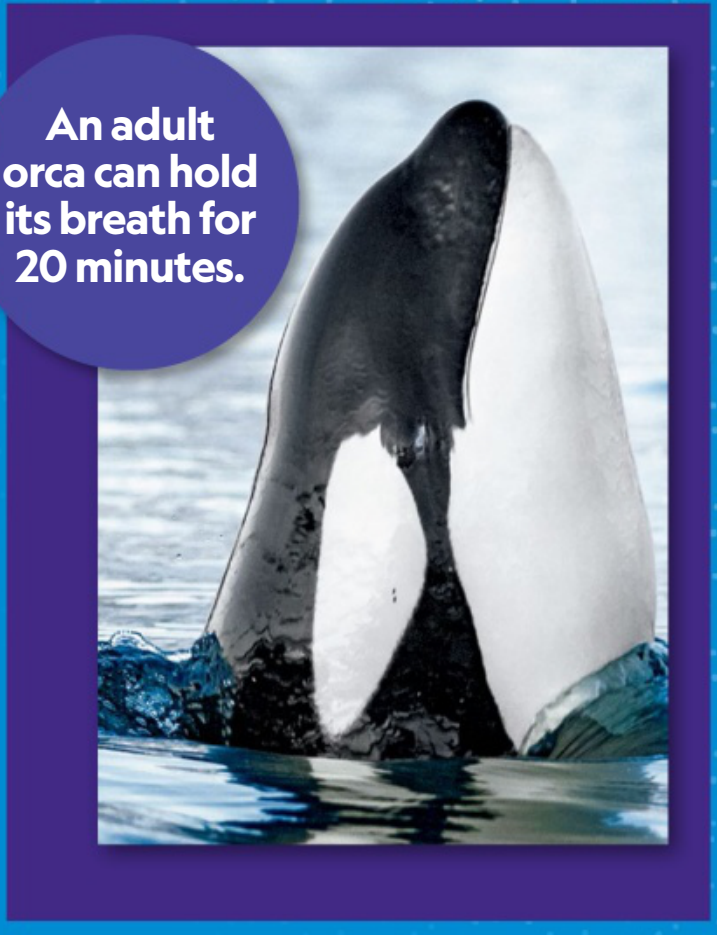
When the baby feels the air, it opens its nose and breathes. When it gets older, the calf will swim up to breathe by itself.



BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN

ORCA RELATIVES

RISSO'S DOLPHIN

Orcas are the largest kind of dolphin. Meet some other dolphins.

SPOTTED DOLPHIN

SPINNER DOLPHIN

SUZI ESZTERHAS / MINDEN PICTURES (MOM AND CALF); GEORGE MCCALLUM / SEAPICS .COM (SINGLE ORCA); SHAWNJACKSON / DREAMSTIME (BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN); WILD AND FREE NATUREPHOTO / SHUTTERSTOCK (RISSO'S DOLPHIN); MATT9122 / SHUTTER-STOCK (SPOTTED DOLPHIN); GONZALO JARA / SHUTTERSTOCK (SPINNER DOLPHIN)

IDENTIFYING

BABY ANIMAL HIDE-AND-SEEK

Help the animal dads find their babies. Use your finger to follow the path from the father to its baby.

SEAHORSE

FOX

GOLDEN LION TAMARIN

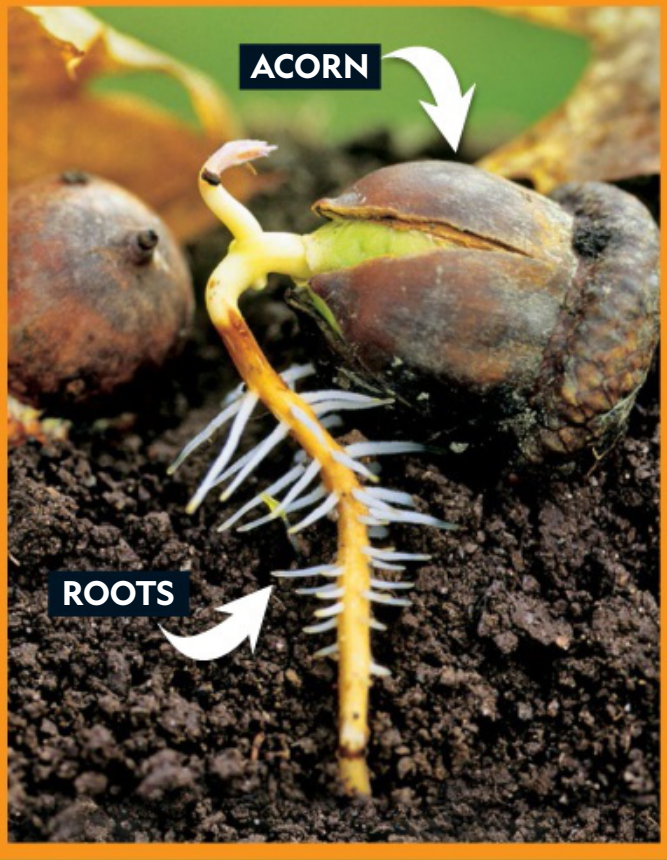
PENGUIN

VLADIMIR WRANGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK (ADULT SEAHORSE); JAYMUDALIAR / DREAMSTIME (ADULT FOX); VLADIMIR SELIVERSTOV / DREAMSTIME (ADULT PENGUIN, BABY PENGUIN); EDWIN BUTTER / SHUTTERSTOCK (ADULT GOLDEN LION TAMARIN); CHRISTIAN HÜTTER / ALAMY (BABY GOLDEN LION TAMARIN); MATTHIAS BREITER / MINDEN PICTURES (BABY FOX); PAPILIO / ALAMY (BABY SEAHORSE)

AN ACORN BECO

1

An acorn from an oak tree begins to grow. Its new roots reach down into the ground.



2

Leaves begin to grow on the little tree. The leaves reach up toward the sun.

ACORN

MES A TREE

3

After many years the little acorn grows up to be a big oak tree. The oak tree has a strong trunk, lots of branches and leaves, and new acorns.

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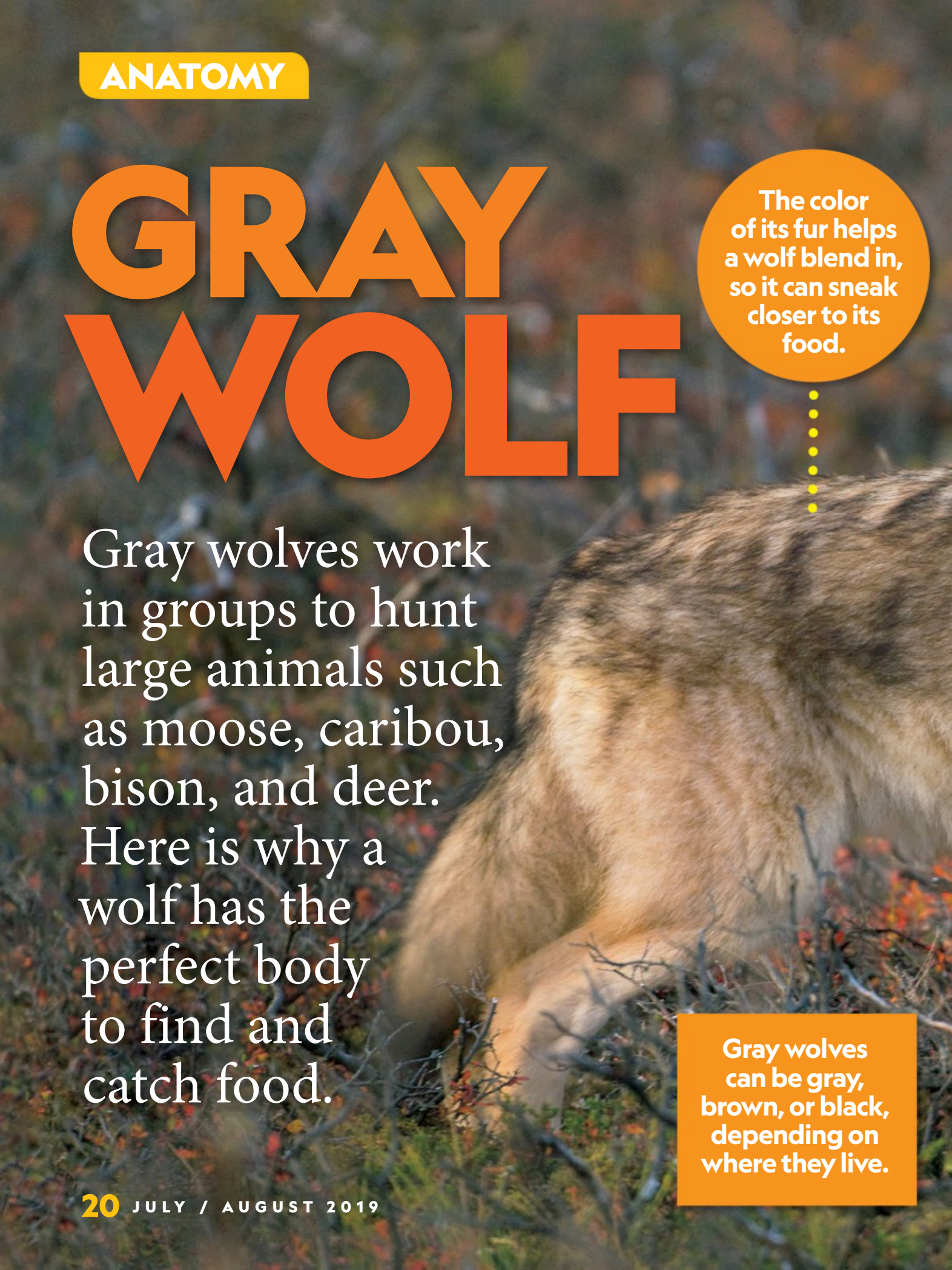
ANATOMY

GRAY WOLF

The color of its fur helps a wolf blend in, so it can sneak closer to its food.

Gray wolves work in groups to hunt large animals such as moose, caribou, bison, and deer. Here is why a wolf has the perfect body to find and catch food.



Gray wolves can be gray, brown, or black, depending on where they live.

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It hears other wolves howling when they've found food.

Excellent night vision helps it see in the dark to hunt.

Its nose can smell food far away.

Its powerful jaws grab and eat large animals.

Long, strong legs help a wolf catch fast animals.

Wide paws and long toes help it run across snow, sand, and rocks.

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CURVES AND C

Trace each shape with your finger. Tap all the pictures with corners. Then use your finger to circle the things with curves.

WATERMELON

PLATE

Count all the items with corners.

BOXES

BIRDHOUSE

ORNERS

BOOKS

ICE CREAM

BASEBALL

Can you find five things in your house with curves?

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WILD CARDS

BROWN BEAR

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brown bear

FUN FACTS

Brown bears eat mostly plants. They like grasses, roots, and berries. They also eat meat, and hunt both small and large animals.

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WILD CARDS

MUSK BEETLE

musk beetle

FUN FACTS

There are about 400,000 different kinds of beetles. The musk beetle is one of a group called longhorn beetles.

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WILD CARDS

PAJAMA CARDINALFISH

pajama cardinalfish

FUN FACTS

A father pajama cardinalfish holds his eggs in his mouth until they hatch. This fish is a popular pet for people who have aquariums.

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WILD CARDS

MOUNTAIN LION

mountain lion

FUN FACTS

A mountain lion has many names. It is also called puma, cougar, panther, and catamount. Scientists usually say puma.

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WILD CARDS

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD

broad-billed hummingbird

FUN FACTS

This hummingbird is only about as long as this card. Its call sounds like *chtt-chtt-chtt*. The male is more colorful than the female.

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PORCUPINE

porcupine

FUN FACTS

A porcupine has sharp quills on most of its body. The quills help protect it from animals that might want to eat it..

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